

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DELIVERING ELECTRONIC MESSAGING TO MOBILE PHONES

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Abstract

A system and method for delivering to a digital mobile phone notifications of e-mail or v-mail, or both of them, and for delivering e-mail summaries or v-mail summaries, or both of them, and which makes it possible for a user to configure all of his or her e-mail (and preferably also v-mail) account delivery options from a single location on the world-wide web. The e-mail messages delivered to the phone are in a "summarized" form consistent with the message length limit and typically small display of a phone. The system does not interfere with existing e-mail or v-mail accounts but delivers to a user, via his or her digital phone, a notification that an e-mail (or v-mail) message is waiting for the user, along with some basic information (in the case of e-mail) about the message such as the identity of the sender, the time the message was sent, the subject and a truncated version of the main text. The user can retrieve the full message, with attachments, when access to an appropriate communications device is available. Alternatively, the user may call in to an interactive voice response server which is interfaced to the e-mail forwarding system, to obtain text-to-speech playback of e-mail messages. Optionnally, the user may then dictate an immediate response to the IVR server which is then returned to the sender as a voice file attachment in a reply e-mail.